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YOU CAN BUY



Quantity

AND STILL CONTROL



Quality

The food acceptance service provided by USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service is available to volume buyers of almost all food commodities. The service is available generally to processors, wholesalers, retailers, hospitals, restaurants, governmental agencies and private firms.

Here is what some users have said about the service:

UNITED NATIONS . . .

- "We're glad to avail ourselves of USDA's grading and acceptance services. They eliminate any concern we might otherwise have about the quality and specifications of our purchases (for overseas emergency forces)."

ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY . . .

- "The acceptance service takes a big job off our hands by inspecting for the specifications we demand (for employees overseas)."

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY . . .

- "Good insurance for consistency in the quality and specifications we must have (for employee cafeterias)."

NEW YORK CITY . . .

- "Your acceptance service does an A-Number One job in helping us with our problems. It's been a good investment for us (for schools, hospitals, welfare agencies, prisons, etc.)."

CUNARD STEAMSHIP LINE . . .

- "It offers an almost ironclad guarantee that we'll get only those foods which meet our specifications. Having your people, who are specialists in each particular food line, is very reassuring to us (for use on passenger liners)."

How the Program Works

(The procedure varies slightly for different commodities, but operates in essentially the same manner for most food products.)



You, as a food buyer, decide what you want, based either on official USDA grades and standards, on specifications already available for some commodities, or on specifications tailor-made to meet your specific needs. You then select a supplier or call for bids from several suppliers.

The contract you eventually sign with your supplier provides that all deliveries be examined by a USDA inspector or grader, and be officially "accepted" or "certified" as meeting your specifications.



The USDA inspector or grader examines the food before delivery to see that it meets the specifications, and stamps each product or sealed package.



When you accept delivery, you are assured that each stamped package or product contains what you specified when you placed your order.

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For Information

Information on the full acceptance service program may be obtained from the Information Division, Consumer and Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 20250.

Information on one or more specific food products may be obtained from the following commodity divisions:

DAIRY DIVISION

Consumer and Marketing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C., 20250

LIVESTOCK DIVISION

Consumer and Marketing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C., 20250

FRUIT and VEGETABLE DIVISION

Consumer and Marketing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C., 20250

POULTRY DIVISION

Consumer and Marketing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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CONSUMER AND MARKETING SERVICE
INFORMATION DIVISION**

